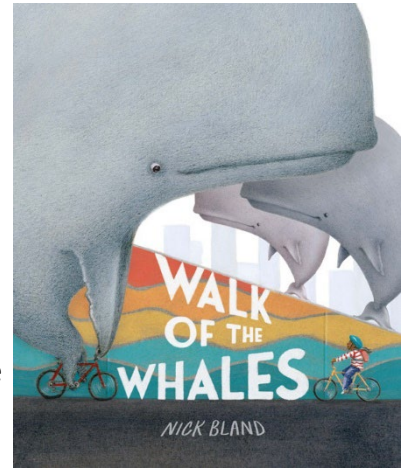


Walk of the Whales

When all of the whales in the ocean leave their home to walk around on land, people don't quite know what to think. But soon shopkeepers go out of business, farms are flooded with water and salt, and people shout horrible, anti-whale words.

*'Walk of the Whales' is available to borrow from the CPS Library and can be found online at <https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/>



What comprehension strategies can be used with this book?

Questioning

Questioning is a strategy in which the reader engages by asking and answering questions they have about a text. The reader asks questions before, during and after a text.

Possible questions to ask my child:

Before reading, ask:

- I wonder why the whales are on land?
- I wonder why the whales are riding bikes?

During reading, ask:

- I wonder why the swimming pool users were not happy?
- I wonder why the shopkeepers went out of business?

After reading, ask:

- I wonder why it is important that we keep our oceans clean?

Once your child is familiar with 'I wonder' questions, they could come up with their own.



Retell

Making connections is a strategy which helps readers understand what they are reading. They may make connections to themselves, to other texts or to events happening around the world.

Possible questions to ask my child:

- Where do whales normally live?
- Have you ever seen a whale?
- In the story, the whales wanted to leave the ocean because of all the rubbish. Where do you think the rubbish came from?
- How would you feel if you saw your house, our school playground or the bay full of rubbish?
- Is this story trying to teach us something?
- What can you do to stop rubbish pollution?

